



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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May 29, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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Dear Supervisors:

# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

65 May 29, 2012

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### **CHANGES IN WORK FOR A PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WHITTIER BOULEVARD REVITALIZATION PROJECT IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1) (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve changes in work and the increased contract amount for a public works construction contract for the Whittier Boulevard Revitalization Project in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles.

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Find that the requested changes in work related to construction of streetscape improvements, with an increase in the contract amount of \$86,431, will have no significant effect on the environment and approve the changes and increased amount for Project ID No. RDC0015166 – Whittier Boulevard Revitalization Project, for variations in bid quantities and removal of colored concrete and replacement with brick pavers, in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles, performed by Bitech Construction Company, Inc.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain approval of the project from your Board for changes in this public works construction contract in support of the timely completion of the project while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The descriptions of the changes, estimated costs, and the necessary time extensions are listed in the enclosure.

The Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Enclosed for your Board's approval are changes in work in excess of the Director's delegated limit, which are required to complete the project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). Approval of these changes will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

These changes in work will have no impact to the County General Fund.

Project ID No. RDC0015166, with an increase in the contract amount of \$86,431, is included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011–12 Road Fund Budget.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The contract for the construction of this public works improvement was awarded by the Director on March 31, 2011, to the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid in accordance with the State Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director or her designee.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in work as described above and in the enclosure do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs are based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the enclosure.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the requested changes by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under the contract and result in complete and usable facilities.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

5/29/2012

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Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Gail" and last name "Farber" clearly legible.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance)

CHANGES IN WORK (APPROVE)  
May 29, 2012

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015166 – Whittier Boulevard Revitalization Project (in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1, Contractor: Bitech Construction Company, Inc.

Project Description:

Construction of streetscape improvements.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in bid quantities	(\$ 5,775.00)
(2) Remove colored concrete and replace with brick pavers	<u>\$92,206.00</u>
Total	<u>\$86,431.00</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in the contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual bid quantities.

(2) To meet the intent of the project and complete the necessary streetscape improvements as part of the design it is necessary to remove the existing colored concrete and replace it with brick pavers.

The cost for Item 1 will be based on the contract unit price and the cost for Item 2 will be negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Fifteen working days will be required because of these changes.

Financial Information:

Funding for these changes in work is included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$2,150,367.00
Changes previously authorized by your board	285,314.00
Changes in work previously authorized under delegated authority	6,800.00
Changes in work to be approved	<u>86,431.00</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$2,528,912.00</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	18%

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